THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) With the World Bank/Swiss assistance, a National Sericulture Project is being implemented for development of mulberry sericulture in 5 traditional and 12 non-traditional sericulture states. The project has an outlay of Rs. 555.30 crores and envisages an increase of 6000 tonnes of mulberry silk production over a period of five years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) State Government of Andhra Pradesh is one of the implementing agencies of the National Sericulture Project and the total project cost of State's component is Rs. 137.55 crores over a period of five years. The implementation of the project has already started during the current financial year.

Tea Plantation in Andhra Pradesh

1175. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of land covered under tea plantation so far, Statewise; and

(b) whether tea plantation is proposed to be undertaken in Andhra Pradesh also?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The Statewise area under tea plantation in India till the figures last compiled i.e as on 31st December, 1987 is as follows:—

State	Area in Hectares
Assam	226,883
West Bengal	100,530
Tripura	6,481
Bihar	447
Uttar Pradesh	1,804
Himachal Pradesh	3,079
Manipur	104
Sikkim	235
Arunachal Pradesh	5
Nagaland	8
Orissa	40
Tamil Nadu	38,066
Kerala	34,641
Karnataka	1,909
ALL INDIA TOTAL	414,232

(b) There is no such proposal at present as agroclimatically suitable site for good growth of tea could not be identified in the State as yet.

Export of Rice Husk

1176. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to export rice husk; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) There is no such proposal under the Government's consideration to export rice husk.

(b) Question does not arise.